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 Eva Simmons et al.)
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 For: ABSORBENT ARICLE) Confirmation No.: 2334
 INCORPORATING LIQUID BARRIERS)
 WITH SEALING COATING)

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Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
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Small entity status is hereby claimed.

Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the \$385.00 (2801) \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.

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on _____
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Independent Claims		MINUS 3 =	0	x \$86.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
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Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
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The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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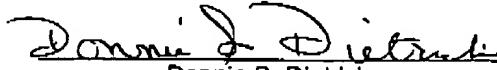
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